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- 25X1 1. The Skierniewice-Lukow railroad line, on which construction was begun in 1951, is reported to be ready for traffic this year. It now goes via Grojec, Czachowek (on the Warsaw-Radom-Krakow line), Gora Kalwaria (where it bridges the Wisla River), and Garwolin and is 116 kilometers long.
2. The new line is normal gauge but will, according to a report, be also provided with a broad gauge set up (sic) at all the interchanges on the line. This was alleged to have been carried out earlier on the Lukow-Terespol-Brest Litovsk and Warsaw-Kuznica-Grodno lines and possibly on several of the other east-west railroad connections.
3. In spite of rumors to the contrary, no new Polish tracks with wide gauge have been observed. There probably are none, other than the Elblag-Braniewo (-Kaliningrad, German Königsberg) line which has both narrow and broad gauge, and the short sectors near the Soviet border in the provinces of Bialystok, Lublin and Rzeszow, some of which have wide and narrow gauge, as for example, the Malaszewice-Terespol-Brest Litovsk and Zurawica-Przemysl-Medyka-Lvov lines.

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